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LETTER DATED 21 DECEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a note verbale with its enclosure dated 30 November 1999, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan, to be forwarded to the United States Department of State on the violation of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the military forces of the United States of America in the Persian Gulf region (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi NEJAD HOSSEINIAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Note verbale dated 30 November 1999 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to transmit the attached message received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (see enclosure). It is respectfully requested that the text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that our office be informed of its response.

Enclosure

According to information received from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 19 September 1999, a United States warship at the position of N4922 and E2945 and radius of two miles about Boyuyeh number 6 and the entrance of Khor-e-Moussa was engaged in operations. At 1225 hours the said warship at the position of N2947 and E4947 entered the Islamic Republic of Iran's waters and without paying any attention to the warnings, and radio communications from the Iranian forces positioned in the region, chased an Iranian commercial vessel.

Hereby, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protests the entrance of the United States warships into the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran that are in clear violation of the principles of international laws and regulations. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran demands that these illegal actions come to an end and not be repeated.